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Mike O'Rielly
Commissioner

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Mr. Charles Salle
Deputy Director
New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee
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Dear Mr. Salle:

Thank you for your phone call with my staff addressing why the state of New Mexico diverted 9-1-1 fees in 2016. It is my understanding that the state faced "extraordinary solvency" that year due to the decreasing price of oil and swept almost every state account in order to make-up a \$1 billion shortfall. Specifically, New Mexico swept \$6 million out of the \$10.9 million 9-1-1 fund, or 55 percent, to its General Fund.

While I firmly believe that diversion is detrimental to consumers and emergency personnel, no matter how meritorious the cause, I am relieved to learn that this appeared to be a unique situation and will not serve as precedent or common practice. Moreover, I am pleased to learn that the state did not divert funds in 2017 and is committed to not diverting funds in 2018 or the near future. I trust this will be confirmed in the Commission's 2018 Report.

I look forward to working with you on improving and enhancing 9-1-1 features in New Mexico and nationwide. Thank you again for your response to my inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "m. Rielly", is positioned above the printed name.

Michael O'Rielly